

HOW TO SIGN UP!

The Indiana Department of Education, Division of Professional Standards is pleased to support candidates for National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certification. Federal and state funding will subsidize teachers for \$2,000 of the \$2,500 fee. Candidates will be responsible for submitting the nonrefundable \$500 initial fee (along with the \$65 application processing charge) to NBPTS prior to receiving assistance. Federal funding is expected to support additional candidates at half of the fee.

Indiana is committed to assisting teachers striving for certification with funding and support sessions designed to encourage networking with other candidates. The Division of Professional Standards awards a 5 year license renewal for teachers that complete the candidate process in their license area and they may continue to pursue certification through retakes. Teachers earning their National Board Certification may receive a 10 year teaching license renewal in the same area of current licensure. Teachers who agree to accept subsidy funding will be expected to attend at least 3 support meetings held in central Indiana. Notification of meeting dates, times and agendas are sent to funding recipients as scheduled.

Many school corporations throughout Indiana offer days for portfolio completion, additional funding, and video equipment to candidates and monetary compensation to teachers that earn National Board Certification. Please check with your school corporation on the most up-to-date resources available.

Teachers will also be expected to complete the process on time and according to National Board guidelines. For additional information about the National Board Certification process, please contact www.NBPTS.org or 1-800-22-TEACH. Candidates will be selected for subsidy funding on a first-come, first-serve basis through the subsidy coordinator's office. Indiana's Subsidy Administrator, Deborah A. Rode, NBCT, is also available to answer your questions by email at drode@greencastle.k12.in.us or by calling 812-448-3782.

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